

FISCAL NOTE

HJR 693

February 21, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Proposes an amendment to Article VI, Section 14, of the Constitution of Tennessee.

The 101st General Assembly considered and adopted Senate Joint Resolution 629 which proposed to amend Article VI, Section 14 of the Constitution of Tennessee relative to the General Assembly's power to prescribe the maximum fine that may be assessed without a jury. This resolution must pass with a two-thirds vote in each house. The resolution would require a vote at the 2002 regular November election

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - \$20,000 One-Time

Each County Election Commission would be required to include in the notice published by a newspaper of general circulation, the text of the question to be submitted to the people. This estimate is based on other recent election publications.

For information purposes, the following should be noted: to the extent civil penalties are established at amounts greater than the current level, a significant change in revenues may occur.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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